

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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“Seek not every quality in one individual”

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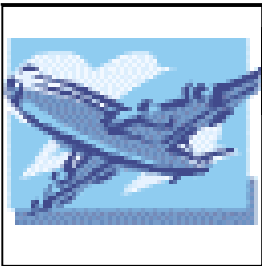
Paper Shredders – use Caution

Paper shredders are quickly becoming standard office equipment all over the Kennedy Space Center. Many models include safety features such as a reverse mode, an off switch and a guard to keep fingers from coming in contact with the blades. As you know, KSC employees are required to display their badges, usually on a necklace or on lanyards around their neck. *Can you guess where this is leading?*

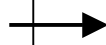
A KSC employee relayed the following scenario to us. The employee was leaning over the shredder when the badge around their neck went very neatly into the feeder and was pulled into the shredder. The reverse switch was engaged but it would not release the badge. They broke the plastic strap that was holding the badge; the electric plug was pulled; and eventually the badge was dislodged from the shredder. The badge was replaced and the shredder broken. This could have had a tragic ending but quick thinking by fellow employees prevented it. To avoid similar incidents from occurring,

Please follow these recommendations when preparing to shred documents:

- Keep shredder “off” when not in use
- Do not stand or lean over shredder - - sit to shred.
- Pay attention to the task you are doing – don’t be distracted.
If you are distracted, turn off the shredder.
- Ensure that badges, ties, necklaces, bracelets, long hair, etc. are secure and kept away from the feeder area.



Did You Know That



nine airlines already either have automated external defibrillators, devices which can treat sudden cardiac arrest, or have made commitments to install them, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The agency issued a rule this month requiring the nation's airlines to carry the machines, as well as enhanced emergency medical kits, on all domestic and international

flights by 2004. Officials estimate the airline industry will spend 16 million dollars over 10 years on the equipment, medications, and crew training.

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